

REMARKS

Amendments

Claims 1 and 9 are amended to correct a minor grammatical error.

Restriction

In response to the Restriction Requirement, applicants hereby elect Group I, claims 1-8, 10-18, and 21-23. With respect to the Election of Species Requirement, applicants hereby elect species (i), i.e. the form of a tank, container, bottle or tube. Claims 1-8, 10-18, and 21-23 read on the elected species. The restriction is, however, traversed.

In the Restriction, the Examiner argues that Group I and Group II are related as combination – subcombination, and that the combination does not require all the particulars of the subcombination. Specifically, it is argued that the combination “does not require that the graft copolyamide has polyamide blocks as is required by the combination.”

Claim 1 of Group I (the combination) recites that the graft copolymer comprises “a polyolefin backbone functionalized by an unsaturated monomer (X) and at least one polyamide graft, said graft copolymer being obtained by reaction between a polyamide having an amine end group and the residue of the unsaturated monomer (X) having a functional group capable of reacting with said amine end group of the polyamide, said unsaturated monomer (X) being attached by grafting or copolymerization via its double bond”.

Claim 9 of Group II, the subcombination, recites that the graft copolymer comprises “a polyolefin backbone functionalized by an unsaturated monomer (X) and at least one polyamide graft, said graft copolymer being obtained by reaction between a polyamide having an amine end group and the residue of the unsaturated monomer (X) having a functional group capable of reacting with said amine end group of the polyamide, said unsaturated monomer (X) being attached by grafting or copolymerization via its double bond”.

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Thus, the copolyamide is defined the same in both the combination and the subcombination. Withdrawal of the Restriction between Groups I and II is respectfully requested.

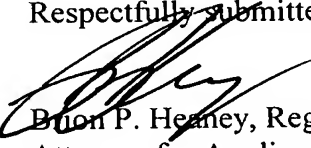
In the Restriction, it asserted that the method of Group III and the subcombination of Group II are related as process of making and product made. However, the Restriction fails to explain how the material of claim 9 is made by either the method of claim 19 or the method of claim 20. These methods recite shaping a multilayer structure, not manufacturing a material.

As for Group I and the method claims of Group III, upon determination that the claims of Group I are allowable, applicants request rejoinder of method claims 19-20, pursuant to MPEP §821.04.

In view of the above remarks, withdrawal of the Restriction between Groups I and II is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

Respectfully submitted,



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